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VS.

RAYMOND MICHAEL FOAKES.

Defendant.

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Case No.: CR 11 624 WHA Plaintiff,

**DEFENDANT'S SENTENCING MEMORANDUM** 

Date of Sentencing: January 17, 2012 Time: 2 p.m.

Hon. William H. Alsup United States District Court

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Defendant Raymond Michael Foakes entered a guilty plea in this Court on October 21, 2011, pursuant to a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) written plea agreement with the United States. He pled guilty to Count One, Conspiracy to Commit Financial Institution and Wire Fraud, a violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 1849; Count Two, Wire Fraud, a violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 1343; Count Seventeen and Eighteen, Money Laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 1957. Mr. Foakes also admitted Violation Number One in the Form 12 that is pending before this court.

Mr. Foakes asks the Court to sentence him pursuant to the terms of the Plea Agreement, which call for him to serve a term of 70 months in Federal Prison, to be followed by a term of supervised release of 3 years. It is agreed by the parties that this represents an appropriate and reasonable sentence in this matter.

# II. BACKGROUND

Mr. Foakes comes to this Court to be sentenced at the age of 48. He is the father of two young children, whom he supported, and with whom he resided until the date of his arrest in this case. The proposed sentence of 70 months will have an impact on Mr. Foakes' life that is difficult to exaggerate. The separation from his children during these formative years will be difficult to say the least. This sentence also represents the longest Prison sentence the defendant has ever served.

Mr. Foakes well knows that this Court is familiar with his background, given the fact that this Court held a hearing regarding an earlier Form 12. As a consequence of that hearing, Mr. Foakes served the 5 months imprisonment, as well as an additional 5 months in home detention. Since that time, Mr. Foakes, who has struggled with drug addiction for years, has maintained his sobriety, and has kept himself gainfully employed as a heavy equipment operator, commuting 170 miles per day for his job.

Mr. Foakes realizes that it is difficult to persuade the Court that he was making earnest efforts to distance himself from criminality when he comes here facing a new Form 12 for violating his non-association condition; and for that reason he wishes to highlight some mitigating factors.

The Form 12 charges Mr. Foakes with associating with Joseph Heiney, a man that United States Probation considers a Hell's Angels associate and a felon. Mr. Foakes is aware that any association with any felons, or individuals connected to the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club (HAMC) will be presumed to be for the purpose of committing criminal acts. However, in this case that presumption is simply not true. This conclusion is supported by two facts: First, that Mr. Heiney's felony has been expunged by the Superior Court of California, (as shown by the documents collectively marked as Exhibit A, and attached hereto); and second, that Mr. Foakes associated with Mr. Heiney, while Mr. Foakes was on a family trip to Disneyland with his employer, Ronald Van Airsdale, in Disneyland. Mr. Heiney, a close friend of Mr. Van Airsdale, joined the two men and their families. Mr. Foakes is not disputing that this association was a violation of his probation, but wishes to highlight these circumstances which are certainly indicative of the fact that in no way was this association for the purpose of criminal conduct.

# III. DISCUSSION

The offense conduct in this case is accurately summarized in the Pre-Sentence Report, and do not bear repetition here.

The defendant does not dispute the calculations of United States Probation Officer Cheryl L. Simone, and agrees that his offense conduct yields an adjusted offense level of 20 (23 less 3 points for acceptance of responsibility). He also agrees that his criminal history category is appropriately calculated at VI.

The defendant asks the Court to consider that he has fully accepted responsibility. He also has done everything possible to facilitate the adjudication of this matter which is cumbersome to say the least. His efforts in that regard are well articulated in the Government's Sentencing Memorandum. The defendant joins the government in urging the Court to accept the sentence of 70 months, as agreed to by the parties. It is the view of the parties that this represents an appropriate and reasonable sentence given the circumstances in this case, and the circumstances surrounding the rapid acceptance of responsibility.

### IV. CONCLUSION

Mr. Foakes respectfully requests that the court sentence him in accordance with the submitted plea agreement, to a term of imprisonment of 70 months.

Dated: January 9, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

ANTHONY J. BRASS Attorney for Defendant

RAYMOND MICHAEL FOAKES

EXMIDIT

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Defendant Status Name: HEINEY, JOSEPH DONALD Not In Custody Criminal Justice System

Probation Number:

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MCR-390912		SENT
TCR-358820		DISM
TCR-356102		DISM
SCR-29708		HTOA D1SM
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_ TCR-340701		SENT
MC Misd Cond	Prob	Term Expired on 02/13/2003
_ MCR-259631		SENT
MC Misd Cond	Prob	Term Expired on 10/16/1997
_ SCR-23117		CERT DISM
TCR-254593		DISM
_ TCR-254324		SENT
MC Misd Cond	Prob	Term Expired on 01/10/1997
_ TCR-250416		SENT
MC Misd Cond	Prob	Term Expired on 01/10/1997
_ MCR-250713		SENT
_ SRO-963004		NFIL
MCR-240110		DISM
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SONOMA Page SCR-29708 CRIMINAL DOCKET Printed 9/30/2011 16:02 MCR-355734

Docket of DE 1 HEINEY, JOSEPH DONALD

Offense Date: 04/12/2000 DA #: DAR-404/34 DOB 03/13/1976 DLN CA B3034018

F HS 11359 Held to Answer
F HS 11359 Dism per 1203.4 PC
F HS 11350(a) Held to Answer
F HS 11350(a) Dismissed Filed Charges

Arresting Agency: SO. CO. NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

Box Number: 88605 (MCR-355734), 105529 (SCR-29708)

DA Location: 80517 

04/13/2000 DE 1 BAIL BOND REFERENCE #CS1000275689 REC'D AND FILED IN THE AMOUNT OF CALENDAR ITEM - 04/26/2000 at 8:30am M7, BAILED TO APPEAR, FIRST APPEARANCE, ARRAIGNMENT

04/25/2000 DE 1 COMPLAINT FILED F HS 11359

F HS 11350(a)

# 04/26/2000 DE 1 Courtroom Minutes of Department M7

HON: F PASSALACQUA DDA: JULIA K. FREIS REP: Jennifer Roux CLK: AN Defendant present Counsel R Scott appearing generally Defendant handed copy of complaint Stipulates to arraignment Waives reading of complaint Waives further advisement of rights Defendant pleads Not Guilty to count I HS 11359 Defendant pleads Not Guilty to count II HS 11350(a) Defendant Waived Time for Preliminary Hearing, including 10 day Defendant Waived Time for Preliminary Hearing, including 60 day Preliminary Examination set - 06/07/2000 at 9:30am M7, PRELIMINARY, MOTION

05/26/2000 DE 1 NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION OF RICHARD S. SCOTT FILED

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# 06/07/2000 DE 1 Courtroom Minutes of Department M7

HON: F PASSALACQUA DDA: Carla L Claeys REP: J BURRESS CLK: AN Defendant present Counsel Richard Scott not present, M Case appearing Defendant Waived Time for Preliminary Hearing Preliminary Examination set - 07/17/2000 at 1:30pm M7, PRELIMINARY 1050 PC Motion by defense counsel GRANTED

### 07/17/2000 DE 1 Courtroom Minutes of Department M7

HON: F PASSALACQUA DDA: Alexander J. McMahon REP: F SANDERS CLK: AN Defendant present Counsel Richard Scott appearing Preliminary Examination Held People call Det. Joe Raya, sworn and testified. Witness identifies Defendant(s). Stipulation as to witnesses qualifications for preliminary hearing purposes only Cross examination by counsel Case Cross examination by counsel Scott Witness steps down Stipulation for PX purposes only re: lab results People rest Defense counsel Case argues People argue Defendant Held to Answer to count I HS 11359 as charged Defendant Held to Answer to count II HS 11350(a) as charged Information to be filed in Superior Court by - 07/31/2000 at 9:00am S4, INFORMATION TO BE FILED Transcript by: 7/31/2000 Reporter: F. Sanders BAIL TRANSFERRED TO SUPERIOR COURT; REFERENCE #CS1000275689

#### 07/21/2000 DE 1

PERTINENT PAPERS DELIVERED TO COUNTY CLERK; RECEIPT FILED # SCR29708

### 07/24/2000 DE

CRIMINAL HEARING - 07/31/2000 at 9:00am S4, INFORMATION TO BE FILED BAIL BOND REFERENCE #CS1000275689 REC'D AND FILED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5000

BAIL TRANSFERRED FROM MUNICIPAL COURT

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# 07/31/2000 DE 1 Courtroom Minutes of Department S4

HON: Robert Boyd DDA: ALEXANDER J McMAHON REP: ROSE FERRONATO CLK: MB Defendant present Richard Scott appearing for Defendant INFORMATION FILED F HS 11359 F HS 11350(a) Defendant stipulates to due and proper arraignment Defendant waives reading of information Fingerprint form filed CONT/D TO - 08/02/2000 at 9:00am S4, PLEA, TO SET, DISPOSITION

#### 08/01/2000 DE 1

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT FILED PRELIM

### 08/02/2000 DE 1 Courtroom Minutes of Department S4

HON: Robert Boyd DDA: ALEXANDER J McMAHON REP: ROSE FERRONATO CLK: MB Defendant present Richard Scott appearing for Defendant Defendant Advised of Maximum Penalties Defendant understands and waives each right Defense Counsel joins in Waiver of Rights Defendant pleads NO CONTEST to count I HS 11359 CONVICTED TO COUNT I HS 11359 - PLEA OF NOLO CONTENDERE Court finds factual basis for plea Court finds Defendant knowingly, intelligently, freely and voluntarily waives rights Court makes finding of guilt People move to dismiss ct(s) 2 ; deemed dismissed at time of sentencing. Plea per 1192.5 PC People recommend plea to count 1, no immediate state prison, relinquish rights to money seized, computer forfeited, dismissal as to Cole-Smith Defendant stipulates to factual basis for plea Case Referred to Probation Department for RPO Referred to Probation for presentence CONT/D TO - 09/07/2000 at 9:00am S4, RPO/PRESENTENCE Report due 8-31-2000 Defendant waives time for sentencing

#### 08/16/2000 DE 1\_

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT FILED - CHANGE OF PLEA

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# 09/07/2000 DE 1 Courtroom Minutes of Department S4

HON: Robert Boyd DDA: ALEXANDER J McMAHON REP: ROSE FERRONATO CLK: MB Defendant present Richard Scott appearing for Defendant Probation report filed Court has read & reviewed report(s) & other documents. Defendant having been convicted, COURT PRONOUNCES SENTENCE. DEFENDANT SENTENCED Imposition of Judgment Suspended Defendant advised regarding appellate rights Formal Probation Granted 24 Month(s) Commence/cont. educ., counseling & other rehab programs as directed by Prob.; not to leave w/o prior written consent Complete 40 hrs. volunteer work thru So. Co. Volunteer Bureau to the satisfaction of the Probation Officer and the Bureau's Director. Register pursuant to 11590 H&S Submit to warrantless search and seizure of person, property, personal business or vehicle at any time day or night; Submit to warrantless search/seizure of residence any time day or reasonable hr. night by any Prob./Law Enforc. Off. Submit to random chemical testing Not possess or use controlled substances or associated paraphernalia without valid prescription Not consume or possess alcohol Not be where alcohol is primary item of sale Maintain employment or enroll in educational program Not own, possess, have custody/control of firearms or ammunition pursuant to Federal and State law Be of good conduct and obey all laws Pay drug prevention program fee \$150 Criminal Justice Administrative fee in the amount of \$189 to be paid Pay restitution fine of \$400 pursuant to 1202.4(a)(3)(b) Pay report preparation fee \$250 through Probation (not a condition Pay cost of probation supervision at \$165 through Probation (not a of probation) condition of probation) All fines and fees to be paid as directed by Probation COUNT II HS 11350(a) DISMISSED - OTHER Report to Probation within 2 days of release from custody. Sentenced to serve 6 months in Jail, 1 day credit for time served, stayed until 1/03/2001 at 7:00 PM. Report to North County Detention Facility

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#### 09/12/2000 DE 1

AMENDED ORDER PURSUANT TO STIPULATION TO FORFEITURE FILED STIPULATION TO FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY FILED

### 11/21/2000 DE 1

STIPULATION TO FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DISPOSITION FILED ORDER PURSUANT TO STIPULATION TO FORFEITURE FILED STIPULATION TO FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DISPOSITION FILED

#### 11/28/2000 DE 1

BAIL EXONERATED; REFERENCE #CS1000275689

### 12/08/2000 DE 1

CONTINUED TO - 12/11/2000 at 9:00am S4, MODIFICATION OF PROBATION, AT ATTORNEY'S REQUEST

# 12/11/2000 DE 1 Courtroom Minutes of Department S4

HON: Robert Boyd DDA: WILLIAM J. BROCKLEY REP: BONNIE PERRY CLK: MB Defendant present Richard Scott appearing for Defendant Discovery due: 12-22-2000 5:00 p.m. All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect CONT/D TO - 01/05/2001 at 2:00pm S4, HEARING Hearing on medical marijuana use

#### 12/14/2000 DE 1

AUTOMATED DL106 SENT TO DMV-SACRAMENTO

# 01/05/2001 DE 1 Courtroom Minutes of Department S4

HON: Robert Boyd DDA: WILLIAM J. BROCKLEY REP: ROSE FERRONATO CLK: MB Defendant is not present Richard Scott appearing for Defendant Modification of probation request is dropped from calendar. All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect

#### 01/28/2001 DE 1

AUTOMATED 8715 SUBSEQUENT ACTION ISSUED

# 04/09/2001 DE 1

AMENDEDED ORDER PURSUANT TO STIPULATION TO FORFEITURE FILED

# 01/09/2002 DE 1

CONTINUED TO - 01/10/2002 at 8:30am S4, MODIFICATION, AT DEFENDANT'S REQUEST

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### 01/10/2002 DE 1 Courtroom Minutes of Department S4

HON: Robert Boyd DDA: WILLIAM J. BROCKLEY REP: KAREN THOMPSON CLK: MB Probation Officer V. Starkey present Probation Officer V. Starkey gives Oral Report Defendant present Counsel R. Scott not present Case Referred to Probation Department for RPO Re: report re: defendant's performance on probation, if there has been any further criminal activity CONTINUED TO - 01/17/2002 at 8:30am S4, REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER Report due 1-18-2002 Defendant requests his probation be modified to delete the testing requirement

#### 01/17/2002 DE 1 Courtroom Minutes of Department S4

HON: Robert Boyd DDA: WILLIAM J. BROCKLEY REP: ROSE FERRONATO CLK: MB Defendant present
Counsel Richard Scott appearing
Probation Officer V. Starkey gives Oral Report
Probation Officer V. Starkey present
Motion for Modification denied.
All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect

#### 02/01/2002 DE 1

AUTOMATED 8715 SUBSEQUENT ACTION ISSUED

#### 09/07/2002 DE 1

Formal Probation Term Expired

### 09/11/2002 DE 1

PROBABTION MEMO FILED Probation Terminated

### 05/29/2003 DE 1

APPLICATION FOR EXPUNGEMENT PER PC 1203.4 FILED

# 06/17/2003 DE 1

ORDER GRANTING EXPUNGMENT AND CASE DISMISSED PER PC 1203.4 FILED AMENDED ABSTRACT SENT TO DMV-SACRAMENTO

### 06/19/2003 DE 1

AUTOMATED 8715 SUBSEQUENT ACTION ISSUED

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